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**Formal Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
Relating to an Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office**

Public Disclosure Commission

Name of Official or Candidate: Matt Everett - General Manager - Highline Water District

Address of Official or Candidate: P.O. Box 3867

Official's or Candidate's Kent WA 98089
City State Zip Code

Official's or Candidate's Telephone: 206-592-8902
(Include Area Code)

Official's or Candidate's E-Mail Address: meverett@highlinewater.org
(If known)

Your signature: Susan Scarvie

Your printed name: Susan Scarvie

Street address: 204 South 206th Street

City, state and zip code: Des Moines, WA 98198

Telephone number: 206-824-5235

E-Mail Address: (Optional) sscarvie@foxinternet.com

Date Signed: August 24, 2005

Place Signed (City and County): Des Moines King
City County

Complaint: (Attach Complaint and Certification)

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**Certification for a
Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an
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(Notary Not Required)**

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

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*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

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Complaint of Misuse of Public Funds

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It is clear that the Highline Water District (HWD) has used ratepayer funds to promote the candidacy of incumbent HWD Commissioner Gerald R. Guite. Mr. Guite is the only HWD Commissioner who is up for re-election this year, including the September 20 Primary Election.

On August 20, 2005, I received a copy of the Summer Edition of "*The Waterline*", an official publication of the Highline Water District, stuffed in with our water bill. This official HWD newsletter features a photo of HWD Commissioner Jerry Guite on the front page, including a color border for emphasis. (Copy attached.)

There is no journalistic reason for his picture to appear in this newsletter because there is no story that applied to Mr. Guite in this edition. In my years as a HWD ratepayer it has been standard practice that an individual picture of any Commissioner appears in this publication only when there was a story applying directly to that Commissioner.

However, in the past the HWD has on occasion included a section consisting of individual pictures of the entire Board of Commissioners just to acquaint the public with who they are. But, as I said, I have never seen an individual picture of a single Commissioner except under the circumstances listed in the previous paragraph.

When I showed this newsletter to a friend, who is not due to receive his HWD Bill for about a month, his reaction was immediate. He noted that the text, "... we are beginning to see some positive results..." appeared directly next to Commissioner Guite's photo. The subliminal connection between Commissioner Guite's photo and this text is unmistakable and appears to be intentional to promote Commissioner Guite's re-election bid.

This edition of "*The Waterline*" is truly an exception to previous standard practices of the HWD. It is a transparent attempt designed to get his name and face in front of the voters in a positive way before the September 20 Primary election.

HWD billing cycles are such that each ratepayer receives their bill every other month. Therefore, virtually every ratepayer will have received a copy of this newsletter before the September 20 Primary Election. (It is also posted on the HWD Website at <http://www.highlinewater.org/Summer-05.pdf>)

Use of ratepayers funds to promote the candidacy of an incumbent has to be improper and unlawful.

I request that the Public Disclosure Commission investigate this complaint and take whatever action it deems to be appropriate under Washington State Law.

Thank you.

